



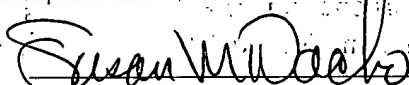
GP 3751
Patent
Case No.: 56733US002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: MITTELSTADT, WILLIAM A.
Application No.: 09/888732 Group Art Unit: 3751
Filed: June 25, 2001 Examiner: Azadeh Kokabi
Title: RESPIRATOR VALVE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on:	
September 10, 2002	
Date	
Signed by: Susan M. Dacko	

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the following applications, copies of which are enclosed:

1. U.S. Serial No. 09/442,082 to Bowers filed November 15, 1999 entitled *Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.
2. U.S. Serial No. 09/986,346 to Bowers filed November 8, 2001 entitled *Unidirectional Fluid Valve*.
3. U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877 to Japuntich et al. filed May 23, 1995 entitled *Filtering Face Mask That Has A New Exhalation Valve*.
4. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,637 to Japuntich et al. filed October 3, 2000 entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.
5. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,579 to Japuntich et al. filed October 3, 2000 entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.

09/18/2002 HANDED1 00000048 133723 09888732
01 FC:126 180.00 CH

RECEIVED

SEP 24 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

6. U.S. Serial No. 09/677,915 to Japuntich et al. filed October 3, 2000 entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.

7. U.S. Serial No. 09/678,580 to Japuntich et al. filed October 3, 2000 entitled *Fibrous Filtration Face Mask Having A New Unidirectional Fluid Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.

8. U.S. Serial No. 09/837,714 to Japuntich et al. filed April 18, 2001 entitled *Filtering Face Mask That Has A New Exhalation Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.

9. U.S. Serial No. 09/837,800 to Japuntich et al. filed April 18, 2001 entitled *Filtering Face Mask That Has A New Exhalation Valve*, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/240,877.


For the Japuntich et al cases, applicants are only furnishing the Examiner with a copy of the '877 application, as the divisional applications are the same.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being mailed after receipt of a first Office Action on the merits, but prior to the mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR § 1.311. Please charge the fee for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723, and if necessary, please charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

September 10, 2002
Date

By:


Karl G. Hanson, Reg. No.: 32,900
Telephone No.: 651-736-7776

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
P.O. Box 33427
St. Paul, MN 55133-3427
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833